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### HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE VALERIANO SAUCEDO

On December 29, 2014, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Valeriano Saucedo, a judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare. The hearing has been scheduled to begin on Monday, April 6, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the California Court of Appeal for the Fifth District, 2424 Ventura Street in Fresno, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Hon. Judith L. Haller, Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division One; Hon. Becky Lynn Dugan, Superior Court of California, County of Riverside; and Hon. Louis R. Hanoian, Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Attorney James Harrigan of Sausalito will serve as Examiner for the commission. Judge Saucedo is represented by Attorney Randall A. Miller of Los Angeles.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the commission. If the commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

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The commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The chairperson is Honorable Erica R. Yew of the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara. Commission member Anthony P. Capozzi, Esq. is recused in this matter.

For further information about the Commission on Judicial Performance, see the commission's website at <http://cjp.ca.gov>.